

### REMARKS


The foregoing Preliminary Amendment accompanies the request for commencement of the National Stage in the above-identified international application. This amendment removes the reference characters from the Abstract and claims to bring them into more typical U.S. format.

It is believed this preliminary amendment now has placed the application in condition for consideration and allowance. If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this and concurrent replies to charge payment (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 50-2298, in the name of Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps.

Respectfully submitted,

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